

## BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES

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### BUTLER MISSOURI.

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Congress met last Monday, the 1st inst., and will adjourn the 3d of March.

J. C. Busey, clerk of the Kansas State Penitentiary is an embezzler of the State funds in the sum of about \$3,000.

Capt. David L. Payne, the famous leader of the Oklahoma boomers, died suddenly at his home in Wellington, Kas., last Thursday.

It is generally believed that F. C. Farr, Gov. Crittenden's private secretary, will be clerk of the new court of appeals at Kansas City.

Blaine's Augusta speech is not contented in his own party, but some wishy washy journals that haven't political sense or judgement, applaud.

The Louisville Courier-Journal, the most influential journal of the south, strongly endorses Gov. T. T. Crittenden for Secretary of the Interior under the new administration.

The silent voter in the recent campaign is to the republican managers what the cable street railway of San Francisco was to the Chinaman. There was "no pullee, no pushee, but it move like hellie allee same."

Hon. John R. Walker, of Boonville has been appointed state agent to prosecute and collect claims from the general government, to succeed Hon. John T. Heard, lately elected to congress from the 6th district.

The Secretary of State classifies the incoming legislature of this state as follows:

Senate—Democrats 21; opposi-

tion 7.

House—Democrats 99; opposi-

tion 41.

Now that Judge Foster has declared that no criminal act is committed by settlers going upon the lands, that, they are government lands, though not public lands, the title being in the government and not in the Indians, we trust there will be no longer delay in passing the Plumb bill or something very similar to it.

A novel scene took place in the old town of Boonville last Wednesday, it being the result of an election bet. As a wager on the election Capt. Geo. Mellor, a republican, carried Speed Stephens, a democrat and young banker of that city, through the streets upon his shoulders, keeping step to the music of the band.

C. A. Bassett, the one-armed sport and foot racer, who made himself conspicuous in Butler and Bates county a short time since, by a number of rows, sparring and foot-racing has come to grief. He is still at large but wanted very badly by the officers of the law for attempting to rape a young lady at Sheldon. He was arrested at Vinita last week but gave the marshal the slip and escaped on a freight train.

Pinchbeck and other prominent colored republicans in the south promptly declare that they would not have voted for Mr. Blaine if he had made his Augusta speech before the election. They very properly regard it as an appeal to class prejudice in the north against the negro, both as a voter and as a competing laborer, and they say that, if it means anything, it means a demand for a curtailment of the south's political power, so far as that power rests upon negro citizenship. Moreover, they frankly declare that, instead of making the situation of the Southern negro worse, the election of Cleveland will do more than any other political event has done for years to improve the feeling and the relations between the two races in the South.

### JUROR'S QUALIFICATIONS.

The late ruling of the Supreme Court in relation to the qualification of jurors in certain cases is a relic of barbarism and offers a premium on illiteracy and ignorance. The ruling, in substance, is that where a juror has formed an opinion from having read a newspaper account of evidence taken before a coroner or committing magistrate, he is disqualified from acting as a juror in the case. The ruling heretofore has been continuous from the 12th Missouri report to the 74th, that reading a newspaper account of a crime or the evidence was not sufficient to bias a fair minded man from acting as a juror and rendering an impartial decision from the evidence submitted. This decision is the more surprising coming from such able legal authority. No one can question the lawfulness of the decision, but it looks hard that American citizens should be tried for their lives, honor and fair name by ignorant and illiterate men, who can not possibly form a just and impartial verdict, for they are bound to be influenced by council on either side. In this day of newspapers, periodicals and magazines, every intelligent man wants to keep posted on the news and opinions of the day. If a murder or other great crime has been committed, it is expected of the local papers to give a minute detailed account of the crime, which report is eagerly devoured by all reading, thinking people and an involuntary opinion is formed, but not so strong to a fair unprejudiced mind but that he can carefully weigh all the evidence in the case pro and con and give a just and true verdict from the jury box.

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With this issue the TIMES starts upon its seventh year. It came into existence at a very inopportune moment, started upon its mission under very unfavorable auspices and owing to the heavy odds it had to contend with for the first few years, only for the pluck and enterprise of its former editor, would have gone down and been numbered with things of the past. But it has passed through the crucible and come out pure metal. Its standing as a journal for its reliability, its quantity and quality of news and the broad views advocated editorially, we leave to the verdict of our thousands of readers, and many patrons otherwise. The standing of the TIMES, among the business men of Butler is shown in the large number of advertisements. When it started it was a four page, seven column, patent sheet. Now at the seventh anniversary of its birth it has developed into a twelve page paper, all home print and the only county paper in the State that is cut and pasted. Our readers will excuse the just pride the present management have in the stand taken by the TIMES in Bates county and southwest Missouri, and promise that if indefatigable labor and eternal vigilance will win it will not only sustain its present position but march onward to greater achievements in the future. Thanking our many patrons for past favors, we hope to merit a continuance of the same.

### DAVIS VS. SHERMAN.

The trouble between General Davis of confederate and General Sherman of federal fame seems to have come to the point where it is a question of veracity between the two distinguished gentlemen. Sherman accused Davis of having written a letter during the war to a gentleman, now in the U. S. Senate, declaring his intentions to become regent or dictator over the southern states should they be successful. Mr. Davis, in no unmistakable terms says that Sherman lies if he makes such a statement, and everybody understands what that epithet implies coming from a southern gentleman of the old school. It means that General Sherman will have to prove his statement or fight, or maybe both or be branded and stigmatized as a liar and coward. The whole affair is deplorable and should not have been brought up at this late day. The south has always had the utmost confidence in Davis and it would be hard to believe such a charge coming at this time, while on

the other hand Sherman is a man whose veracity and honor has never been questioned and who stands as high in the estimation of the American people as any man living, and it would be unworthy of him to make such a charge on the ground of personal enmity against one who proved a worthy foe. The friends of both parties are anxiously awaiting the outcome.

A terrible scourge is devastating parts of Kentucky and West Virginia. Nothing of the kind has ever before been known or heard of. Hundreds of people in that district have died in the last few days and flocks of sheep and droves of cattle that used to browse along the range of the Cumberlands now lay rotting. The doctors are totally dumfounded in the presence of the awful plague, and the few people that now remain in the ill-fated district are nearly distracted. The crop yields for the last two successive seasons have been failures, and pebbles glisten on the bottoms of creek beds, while wells and cisterns have been drained to the bottom and springs are no longer relied upon for water. The natives are without money and with out means to purchase bread. The shutting off of the water supply has brought to the surface a poisonous liquid. Famished for water the people drink and the consequence is death. The first symptoms are violent griping and after this a raging headache, hot fever ensues and the patient usually lives about two days, suffering mental agony before death. Unless relief is soon afforded the plague-stricken people, it won't be long until that entire section is totally depopulated.

The Frankfort, Ky., *Normal*, in speaking of Gov. Crittenden for Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland says:

Certainly Gov. Crittenden, would take charge of that secretarship with distinguished fitness and ability. His career has not been unlike that of the president-elect, and his character as a reformer is quite as pronounced. It seems he was an original mover for Mr. Cleveland's nomination, and did much towards producing the endorsement which Missouri gave him. But independent of this, Gov. Crittenden is an excellent man, and would serve the country admirably as a cabinet officer. He is a Kentuckian by birth, education and instinct, and has the respect and admiration of Kentuckians.

We commend to the magnetic statesman and his magnetic followers the following manly utterances of ex-Senator Bruce, a Mississippi negro, and now register of the treasury: "Mr. Blaine's utterances were demagogical in the extreme and entirely unwarranted by the present condition of the people of the south. The greatest harmony has existed between the white and colored population, and Mr. Blaine's charges of violence and intimidation at the polls are altogether false. The south at the present time is loyal and peaceful and in the very best frame of mind to enter upon a harmonious relation with the people of the north."

A dispatch from this place to the Kansas City Times of Monday states that grading has actually begun on the St. Louis, Kansas City, and Western railroad at Mound City, Kas., and that work between Pleasanton, Kas., and Walnut, this county, will very probably be commenced some time in this month. Mr. Wade was over in Kansas last week and he says he has it on reliable authority that the above statements are substantially correct and that the people in the neighborhood of Pleasanton are enthusiastic over the prospects. We shall see what we shall see.

### Notice to Tax-Payers.

I will call on all tax-payers of Mt. Pleasant township for settlement of taxes. All taxes not paid by January 1st, 1885, the per cent. will be added. Office at T. W. Childs' store. A. W. BELL, Collector.

### Voorhees' Views.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Senator Voorhees of Indiana arrived this afternoon. He said: "There is not a word of truth in the newspaper report of ill-feeling between Gov. Cleveland and Mr. Hendricks. Their relations are of the most cordial character. This I know from both gentlemen."

"Did you hear anything about the probable make-up of Cleveland's cabinet?"

"In answer to that question I will simply say that I firmly believe that ex-Senator McDonald will have a place. What position I do not care to discuss."

### J. Milton Turner.

J. Milton Turner, the colored orator, was met at the depot by a Democrat reporter last night, and questioned briefly as to what he thought of the election of Cleveland.

"I think it is a good thing for the country and am well pleased with the result," was his answer. "I have often been asked by the colored voters," said he, "what they must do if the country remained democratic, and my advice is, be a democrat, too."

He was on his way to St. Louis from the Indian territory—Sedalia Democrat.

When a resident of Baxter, who has been regularly casting his vote at every election for many years past, presented his vote on the 4th of November, the ultra-radical judges refused him the privilege on the ground of having been a private in the confederate army. The judges were superior to the general government, but Capt. M. E. Rowley, who is sergeant of the guard in the G. A. R., stood by his brother democrat and demanded the acceptance of his vote.—Joplin Herald.

It has always been thought that cars of corn have an even number of rows and that one with an odd number of rows would be an impossibility. In slavery times this question was discussed, and a negro in Kentucky claimed that he had seen ears of that kind. His master told him he would give him his (the negro's) freedom for an ear with an odd number of rows. This was in the early spring, but in the fall during corn gathering time the negro came with a sound ear of corn with thirteen rows. He got his freedom papers. A long time afterward the old negro said that in roasting ear time he took a sharp knife, cut out one row of grains, bound the ear together, and knew just where to find it when gathering time came.—Peoria Journal.

### Sunshine for Everybody.

A neat monthly publication called The Sunshine Magazine, is becoming quite popular among the ladies, and has readers in most every town. It is a large Illustrated Magazine devoted to Fashions, Fancy Work, Cooking, Farming, and Household Matters. Its low subscription price to new subscribers, only fifty cents a year, gives it a large circulation. Sample copies ten cents. Address, The Sunshine Magazine, Fillmore, Allegany Co., N. Y.

### Missouri Commissioners to the World's Fair.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 24.—The following gentlemen were today appointed by Governor Crittenden, commissioners to the World's Industrial Exposition, at New Orleans: Stephen Yeaman, J. W. Sheppard, Professor Sylvester Watkenhouse, T. A. Smith, Professor J. W. Sanburn, Professor G. C. Broadhead, Shields and Virgil M. Harris.

The vote of Jasper county at the recent election was larger than that of either Greene or Pettis counties, which have the large cities of Springfield and Sedalia, and next to Buchanan and Jackson, making the county the third in the state in the size of its vote, which indicates third in population. Of course the city of St. Louis is not considered, as that has been cut off from St. Louis county.—Jasper Co. Democrat.

The danger of incidental harm to the community, or to certain classes of people, from the increased use of machinery, the extension of public works, etc., is greatly diminished when those who make the laws, and especially those whose duty it is to interpret them, recognize that law is a progressive science; that it is a means, not an end; that when a state of things arises for which there is no precedent, a new precedent must be made. How the most enlightened jurists hold this principle constantly in view, and how the common as well as the statute law is thus made to keep pace with the general advance of civilization, is admirably set forth in the leading article in the North American Review for December, "Labor and Capital before the Law," by Judge T. M. Cooley, of Michigan. To the same number, William K. Ackerman contributes some suggestive "Notes on Railway Management." Dr. Schliemann tells what he found in his excavations of the ruins of Tiryns, in Southern Greece, and Principal Shairp supplements his scholarly article on "Friendship in Ancient Poetry" with one on "Friendship in English Poetry." The other articles in the number are, "The British House of Lords," by George Ticknor Curtis, and "Responsibility for State Roguery," by John F. Hume.

The merchants having taken possession of the TIMES this week in telling the people what they have for the holidays, we are compelled to increase the number of pages from 8 to 12 in order to give our readers the usual amount of reading matter. It is our intention to issue for two weeks a grand double edition of this paper and place it for that time in the hands of every family in Bates county. Merchants and business men generally cannot fail to see the advantage of advertising their business in these issues of the TIMES, and we hope by this stroke of enterprise to greatly increase our already large and rapidly growing subscription list. The booming TIMES invariably leads the procession—others may follow in its wake.

The Newton Beers Dramatic Company which appeared at the opera house last Saturday evening in that splendid drama "Only a woman's heart," is preeminently the best troupe that has visited Butler this season. The managers of Walton's opera house are to be congratulated on securing such a class of troupes to visit Butler.

Will Pyle, formerly of this place, but now of Livingston, Montana, is here visiting his parents and friends. He will probably remain until after the holidays.

"The Reunited Union" is to be the title of an article by Henry Waterson, in the January number of the North American Review.

### Convention for the Adoption of Text-Books.

RICH HILL, Mo., Dec. 1, 1884. To the Presidents of School Boards of Bates Co., Mo. GENTLEMEN:—Under Sec. 7087, R. S. Mo., it is the duty of the presidents of the school boards of the various counties of this State to meet at the county seats of their respective counties on the first Tuesday in January, 1885, to select a series of Text-Books to be used for the next five years by the schools in the various branches taught in the Public Schools of the State. Therefore, the presidents of the school boards of Bates Co. are hereby notified to meet at the court house in Butler, Mo., on the first Tuesday in Jan., 1885, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to adopt the Text-Books for the purpose mentioned under Sec. 7087. Respectfully, J. H. HIXTON, County Commissioner.

### Dissolution Notice.

The partnership heretofore existing between T. W. Childs and Oliver Freeman has been by mutual consent dissolved, Oliver Freeman retiring. T. W. Childs will assume all liabilities of the firm and will collect all outstanding accounts and he earnestly desires a speedy settlement. T. W. Childs, Oliver Freeman.

### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and others interested in the estate of James H. Hughes deceased, that J. Amos J. Hughes Administrator of said estate intend to make final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Bates county Probate court, to be held in Butler Bates county State of Missouri, on the first Monday in November 1884. AMOS J. HUGHES, Administrator.

### Trustee's Sale.

Whereas J. W. Hudson and Ann Hudson his wife, by their certain deed of trust, bearing date August 24th, 1882, and recorded in the Recorder's office within and for the county of Bates, State of Missouri, on the 24th day of August 1882, in Book No. 23, page 548, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate lying and being in the county of Bates and State of Missouri to-wit: The east half of lot (1), in the northwest quarter and township (29) acres more or less out of the west half of lot one (1) northeast quarter, all in section (3), township forty-one (41) of range twenty-nine (29), in trust to secure payment of one certain promissory note in said deed of trust fully described, whereas the annual interest on said note due August 24th, 1884, is long past due and unpaid. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and by the authority in me vested by the terms of said deed of trust, I will on Wednesday, December 24th, 1884, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, Bates county, Missouri, sell at public vendue for cash in hand, all the real estate in said deed of trust and this notice described, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said debt, interest and costs. C. C. DUKE, Trustee.

### Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, S. K. Williams and H. C. Gates, of Bates county, Missouri, by their certain deed of trust, bearing date July 6th, 1883, and recorded in the Recorder's office within and for said Bates county, in Book 30 at page 146, conveyed to the undersigned trustee, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit: Lot No. 11, in Block No. 16 in the town of Walnut, in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note, in said deed of trust described; and, whereas said note is past due and unpaid. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and by virtue of the authority in me vested by the terms of said deed of trust, I will on Wednesday, December 24th, 1884, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates aforesaid, sell at public vendue, for cash in hand, all of said real estate, in said deed of trust and this notice described, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said debt, interest and costs. E. A. HENRY, Trustee.

### Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, Mary E. Rogers, (formerly Mary E. Deigan), and Taylor Rogers, her husband, by their certain deed of trust, bearing date November 2d, 1883, duly recorded in the recorder's office of Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 31, page 187, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate in Bates county, state of Missouri to-wit: The northeast quarter of south-west quarter of section thirty-three (33) township (40), of range thirty-three (33) and 13-13 acres off of the west end of lot No. 32, in section six (6), township thirty-nine (39), of range thirty-three (33), in trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note in said deed of trust fully described, and, whereas the annual interest on said note is past due and unpaid. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and by virtue of the authority in me vested by the terms of said deed of trust, I will on Thursday, December 4th, 1884, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, sell at public vendue, for cash in hand, all the real estate in said deed of trust and this notice described, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said debt, interest and costs. C. C. DUKE, Trustee.

### Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, )  
COUNTY OF BATES, )  
In the Circuit court of said county, do hereby term, 1885.

Daniel Morehead and Cordelia Morehead his wife, plaintiffs, vs.  
The unknown heirs of Absalom Frazier defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by their attorneys before the undersigned clerk of the Circuit court in vacation and file their Petition and affidavit, alleging among other things, that there are as plaintiffs verily believe, persons interested in the subject matter of this petition (whose names they can not insert herein because they are unknown to them), who have an interest or apparent interest in said premises which they inherit as heirs of Absalom Frazier deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by the Clerk in vacation that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiffs have commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to divest the title which said defendants have or may appear to have in and to the following land in Bates county Missouri to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-five, in township No. 39 of range No. 30, as heirs of Absalom Frazier and vest the same in the plaintiff, Cordelia Morehead, and that unless the said defendants be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Butler, in said county, on the 2nd day of February next, and on or before the sixth day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the Petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And be it further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Butler Weekly Times, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Bates county, Mo., for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least four weeks before the first day of the next term of circuit court. J. R. JENKINS, Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the Record.  
[SEAL.] Witness my hand and the Seal of the Circuit Court of Bates county, this 29th day of November 1884. J. R. JENKINS, Circuit Clerk.